

# Miami-Dade County 2026 Community Council Member Candidate Qualifying Information

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**QUALIFICATIONS:** [\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(A\)\(1\), Section 20-43\(B\)\(1\) and Section 20-43\(B\)\(2\)\]](#)

1. Resident elector of Miami-Dade County for at least three (3) years.
2. Resident elector of Council Area for at least six (6) months prior to qualifying.
3. Resident elector of the Subarea for at least three (3) months prior to qualifying.

Note: At the time of qualifying, candidates shall submit proof of residency for the prescribed period. Proof of residency shall establish that the qualifying candidate has met the residency requirements for the required period. No council member shall be employed by Miami-Dade County or be a member of the Board of County Commissioners.

**TYPE OF ELECTION:** Nonpartisan  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(4\)\(a\)\]](#)

**ELECTION AREA:** Community Council Subarea  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Sections 20-42 & 20-43\]](#)

**AREAS/SUBAREAS UP FOR ELECTION:** Please refer to the [Elected Officials Information](#).  
For additional information regarding Community Council membership, or to confirm residency within area/subarea, please contact the Zoning Agenda Coordinator's Office with the Miami-Dade County Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources at 305-375-1244.

**TERM:** Four (4) years  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(3\)\]](#)  
The term of Council Members shall commence on the second Tuesday next succeeding the date provided for the General Election. (November 17, 2026)  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(4\)\(c\)\]](#)

**SALARY:** All Council Members shall serve without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their official duties, upon approval of the County Commission.  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(F\)\]](#)

**ELECTION DATES:** August 18, 2026 – Primary  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(4\)\(b\) and F.S. 100.061\]](#)  
November 3, 2026 – General (only in case of a tie)  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(E\)\(2\) and F.S. 100.031\]](#)

**QUALIFYING DATES:** 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 8, 2026, through Noon, Tuesday, June 9, 2026  
[\[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(4\)\(d\)\]](#)  
A qualifying office may accept and hold qualifying papers submitted not earlier than 14 days prior (Monday, May 25, 2026) to the beginning of the qualifying period to be processed and filed during the qualifying period. [\[F.S. 99.061\(8\)\]](#) *(Please note that our office will be closed on May 25, 2026 in observance of Memorial Day).*

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## **QUALIFYING REQUIREMENTS:**

The following items must be submitted to the Miami-Dade Office of the Supervisor of Elections located at 2700 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Miami, FL 33172:

### **Qualifying Method – Qualifying Fee**

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))\*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report - Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirements ([Form MD-ED 10](#))\*
5. [Declaration and First Amendment Waiver](#) (optional)
6. Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office ([Form MD-ED 25](#)) and proof of residency.
7. Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interests ([CE Form 1 - 2025](#)), along with any other applicable forms. *(To be filed electronically via Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS) – For more information, please visit [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us) or call 850-488-7864).* You will be required to submit a hard copy to the filing officer at the time of qualifying.
8. Qualifying fee of \$100.00 is to be paid by means of a bank check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in [F.S. 106.11\(1\)\(a\)](#), made payable to "Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections." [[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(4\)\(d\)](#)]. *As a reminder, the campaign checks should include the name of the candidate and the words "Campaign Account" for example, "John Doe Campaign Account".*
9. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office. [[F.S. 99.012](#)]

*\* Candidates must submit these forms to the Miami-Dade Office of the Supervisor of Elections at the time they announce their candidacy.*

### **Qualifying Method – Write-In Candidate**

1. Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates ([Form DS-DE 9](#))\*
2. Statement of Candidate ([Form DS-DE 84](#))\*
3. Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida ([Form MD-ED 2](#))\*
4. Campaign Treasurer's Report - Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirement ([Form MD-ED 10](#))\*
5. [Declaration and First Amendment Waiver](#) (optional)
6. Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office ([Form MD-ED 25](#)) and proof of residency.
7. Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interests ([CE Form 1 - 2025](#)), along with any other applicable forms. *(To be filed electronically via Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS) – For more information, please visit [www.ethics.state.fl.us](http://www.ethics.state.fl.us) or call 850-488-7864).* You will be required to submit a hard copy to the filing officer at the time of qualifying.
8. Qualifying fee of \$100.00 is to be paid by means of a bank check drawn from the candidate's campaign account as prescribed in [F.S. 106.11\(1\)\(a\)](#), made payable to "Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections." [[Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20-43\(B\)\(4\)\(d\)](#)] A blank space will be provided on the general election ballot for names of write-in candidates. *As a reminder, the campaign checks should include the name of the candidate and the words "Campaign Account" for example, "John Doe Campaign Account".*
9. If you currently hold an elected or appointed position, please consult with your attorney to determine whether you are required to resign from the office you presently hold to run for this office. [[F.S. 99.012](#)]

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**Launch of Electronic Filing – Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1)**

Recent changes to the financial disclosure laws provide that beginning January 1, 2023, the Statement of Financial Interests (Form 1) is available only by utilizing the Florida Commission on Ethics' electronic filing system.

Anyone wishing to file a Form 1 for qualifying purposes MUST register in the system to access the disclosure form. A valid email is required to register. Within the system, candidates will find helpful videos.

Candidates are required to submit a hard copy of the Form 1 to the filing officer at the time of qualifying.

Candidates are urged to allow ample time to register, create a profile, username/password, and complete the disclosure. Waiting until the last day of qualifying may not provide sufficient time to access the system, accurately complete the disclosure, print and file it with the qualifying officer.

If you have questions about e-filing in 2026, you may read the Florida Commission on Ethics' [Tips for e-filing](#). For more information, please visit the [Florida Commission on Ethics](#) or call 850-488-7864.

## Miami-Dade County 2026 Community Council Members Candidate Forms and Additional Resources

The following is a compilation of forms used by Community Council candidates who qualify with the Miami-Dade Office of the Supervisor of Elections and their campaign treasurer(s). For your convenience, a hyperlink has been provided for each form.

<b>Opening of Account</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 9</a>	Appointment of Campaign Treasurer and Designation of Campaign Depository for Candidates
<a href="#">DS-DE 84</a>	Statement of Candidate
<a href="#">MD-ED 2</a>	Access to Handbook and the Election Laws of the State of Florida
<a href="#">MD-ED 10</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Miami-Dade County Electronic Filing Requirements
<a href="#">Declaration &amp; First Amendment Waiver</a>	Declaration and First Amendment Waiver (optional)
<b>Qualifying</b>	
<a href="#">MD-ED 25</a>	Miami-Dade County Candidate Oath – Nonpartisan Office
<a href="#">CE Form 1</a> (2025)	Form 1 – Statement of Financial Interests – 2025; along with any other forms, if applicable. <i>(To be filed electronically via the <a href="#">Electronic Financial Disclosure Management System (EFDMS)</a> – Hard copy required for qualifying).</i>
<b>Campaign Reporting</b> (included in online Campaign Reporting Software)	
<a href="#">DS-DE 12</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report Summary
<a href="#">DS-DE 13</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Contributions
<a href="#">DS-DE 14</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Expenditures
<a href="#">DS-DE 14A</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Itemized Distributions
<a href="#">DS-DE 94</a>	Campaign Treasurer's Report – Fund Transfers
<a href="#">DS-DE 87</a>	Waiver of Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 86</a>	Request for Return of Contribution
<a href="#">DS-DE 2</a>	Contributions Returned
<b>Termination Reports</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 73</a>	Campaign Loans Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 73A</a>	Campaign Loans Report Itemized
<b>Elected Officials – Opening an Office Account</b>	
<a href="#">DS-DE 48</a>	Office Account Report
<a href="#">DS-DE 48A</a>	Office Account Disbursement or Deposit Information

In addition, the following resources are available online:

- [Calendar of Reporting Dates](#)
- [The Florida Election Code](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Code of Ordinances](#)
- [Miami-Dade County Home Rule Amendment and Charter](#)
- [Ethical Campaign Practices Ordinance, Miami-Dade County Code at Sec. 2-11.1.1](#)
- [Candidate and Campaign Treasurer Handbook](#)
- [Community Council Member Handbook](#)
- [Elected Officials Information](#)
- [Precincts in Community Council Areas](#)